



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7215

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**AN ACT CONCERNING COURTHOUSE SECURITY, AGGRAVATED
ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC TRANSIT EMPLOYEE AND ASSAULT OF AN
OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER OR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
EMPLOYEE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Chief Court Administrator
2 shall cause an internal review to be made of the security procedures
3 employed at courthouses in this state. Not later than January 1, 2018,
4 said administrator shall make any recommendations resulting from
5 such review for legislation to enhance such security to the joint
6 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
7 matters relating to the judiciary in accordance with the provisions of
8 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) A person is guilty of
10 aggravated assault of a public transit employee when such person
11 commits assault of a public transit employee as provided in section
12 53a-167c of the general statutes and in the commission of such offense
13 such person uses, or is armed with and threatens the use of or displays
14 or represents by such person's words or conduct that such person
15 possesses a knife or box-cutter, or a pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle,
16 machine gun or other firearm.

17 (b) Aggravated assault of a public transit employee is a class B

18 felony.

19 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) For the purposes of this
 20 section, "public safety employee" means a police officer, as defined in
 21 section 7-294a of the general statutes, or an employee of the
 22 Department of Correction.

23 (b) A person is guilty of assault of an off-duty public safety
 24 employee when, knowing that another person is a public safety
 25 employee, and with intent to intimidate or harass, or to retaliate
 26 against, such other person on account of such other person being a
 27 public safety employee, causes physical injury to such other person,
 28 provided, at the time of the offense, such other person was not acting
 29 in the performance of his or her duties as a public safety employee and
 30 was not the initial aggressor.

31 (c) Assault of an off-duty public safety employee is a class C felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section

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